

SENATE BILL 2980
By Bowers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 10 and Title 3, Chapter 6, and Chapter ____
of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 / SB 7001) ____
relative to conflicts of interest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter ____ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 / SB 7001) is amended by
deleting Section 26, section 3-6-103(h) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(h)

(1) No member of the commission shall serve as a member if:

(A) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined
in §3-6-301, holds or qualifies for elective office to any state or local
public office, as defined in §2-10-102;

(B) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined
in §3-6-301, becomes an employee of the state or any political
subdivision of the state; or

(C) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined
in §3-6-301, becomes an officer of any political party or political
committee.

(2) No member of the commission shall during such membership:

(A) Permit such person's name to be used or make campaign
contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or
proposition, except that a member's immediate family may make
campaign contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or
proposition. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in

§3-6-301, permits such person's name to be used or make campaign contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition, then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to the candidate or proposition;

(B) Participate in any way in any election campaign. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, participates in any way in any election campaign, then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to such election campaign; or

(C) Lobby or employ a lobbyist. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, lobbies or employs a lobbyist, then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to such lobbyist.

SECTION 2. Chapter __ of the Public Acts of 2006 (HB 7001 / SB 7001) is amended by deleting Section 25, section 2-10-203(h) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(h)

(1) No member of the commission shall serve as a member if:

(A) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, holds or qualifies for elective office to any state or local public office, as defined in §2-10-102;

(B) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, becomes an employee of the state or any political subdivision of the state; or

(C) Such member or such member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, becomes an officer of any political party or political committee.

(2) No member of the commission shall during such membership:

(A) Permit such person's name to be used or make campaign contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition, except that a member's immediate family may make campaign contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, permits such person's name to be used or make campaign contributions in support of or in opposition to any candidate or proposition then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to the candidate or proposition;

(B) Participate in any way in any election campaign. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, participates in any way in any election campaign then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to such election campaign; or

(C) Lobby or employ a lobbyist. If a person in a member's immediate family, as defined in §3-6-301, lobbies or employs a lobbyist, then the member shall recuse himself or herself on any issue pertaining to such lobbyist.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.